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SECOND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE REPLY

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Sir:

Applicants are filing this Second Response to Notice of Non-responsive Reply in response to the Office Action of January 3, 2001, along with a one-month Petition for Extension of Time and the statutory fee, making the response due on or before March 5, 2001 (March 3, 2001 falling on a Saturday). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

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44. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, where the bacterium which presents a surface-exposed passenger having a required binding affinity is identified by binding to an immobilized or/and labeled binding partner.

{ Please amend claims 46-54 as follows: }